

well, where to begin...

Since this is the mother leg of the lada ocean race, one thing to avoid is bbq's. And that was just the case after leaving kiwiland. bit too eager.

Now, normally you need some luck, a proper HP that stops those in front, or some very strong backwind to win back the lost #. Besides never giving up & beat Aner! :)

Interesting part of this track was that almost the whole track, the ws was better for those behind, including me.. So, that helped to come back from 5 hrs, to 2 at the cape.

Now, the glass bowl offered after the cape basically 2 routes for a longer time, the Aner route (west) and the rest/ east route.

As Bonkert mentioned in the chat, when you are 1 or 2 hr behind, one can decide more easy, and that is very true. Another thing is the usual route most of us take here after the cape...

And that is not east, and certainly not west. Also keeping in mind, the rule, aim for the (deep blue) eye. Now, on that moment suddenly the middle route finally popped up, and that i did. so, a very conservative move.

Now that turned out to be the proper move to join the happy family again. So, it became *again* racing nacrr and this time kippert time. limes and stingf1 are too hard to catch, was the idea here.

After that it was again one huge speedbump ahead, and better ws behind.

And that resulted in a mass finish...30 boats in 3 min is not a very usual sight on a +6K nm track.

Photo finish/server decision time. Bonkert had a fabulous move and sneaked up from the top, kippert kept trading # with me, and Limes kept steady.

So, photo-finish/server decision time...That turned out rather well, for a change... i do share my #3 champagne with kip, cheers mate!

Thank you SOL and SOLteam for the hard work & leaving out markers (:)

Tada & on to the next leg!

Best, Dikke